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HUMANITIES FACULTY

The Humanities Faculty is a highly successful and dedicated team, which comprises four subjects; Geography, Religious Studies, History and Government and Politics. The Faculty currently has nine teaching staff, with experienced Curriculum Leaders for each Humanities subject. There are two joint Learning Directors with an overview across all four Humanities subjects. Lessons are taught in a range of classrooms across the school, which are well equipped with interactive technologies and learning resources.

Years 7 and 8 study each Humanities subject (Geography, History and RS) in one period of 75 minutes per week. In Geography, the KS3 curriculum enables students to study a range of human and physical themes whilst developing a range key geographical skills. Students are bright and enthusiastic, and are encouraged to maintain a very high standard of work, while developing the skills they need to be independent and self-regulated learners. All Humanities subjects are extremely popular at GCSE with all students studying Religious Studies and also one other option including Geography or History. The Geography department follows the AQA Syllabus and involves the study of Glacial Landscapes in the UK, Cold Environments and Water Resources alongside the core topics.

All four Humanities subjects are extremely successful at A Level, attracting good numbers of students and having a sustained record of academic excellence. All departments are well equipped for A Level teaching. Students currently follow the AQA Geography specification and study the 3 core human and physical topics as well as Hazards, Glacial Landscapes and Population and the Environment.

Learning outside the classroom is at the core of all of our Humanities subjects, as we believe that it equips students with first-hand experience, which enhances their knowledge and deepens their understanding of the curriculum. Students across the Key Stages have had experience of visiting various local environments and students conduct their own independent fieldwork in Year 12 in preparation for the completion of their NEA investigation.

Humanities teachers are expected to play a full part in the academic, pastoral and social life of the school, to act as personal tutors and to take part in the school's programme of professional development. Involvement in the many extra-curricular activities is also encouraged. The Faculty is an extremely collaborative and forward thinking team, which embrace innovation and strive to excel.

